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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee - Monday, 22 January 1962, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Director met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services for approximately two hours beginning at 9:30 A. M. He was accompanied by Richard Bissell, Robert Amory and John S. Warner. Present from the Subcommittee were: Carl Vinson, L. Mendel Rivers, Melvin Price, Charles E. Bennett, George Huddleston, Jr., Leslie Arends, James E. Van Zandt, Bob Wilson and Frank C. Osmer, Jr. Robert Smart was also present.
2. Prior to the meeting, the DCI, accompanied by Mr. Warner, met with Mr. Vinson and Mr. Smart for approximately fifteen minutes. See additional memorandum for the record with special classification.
3. Mr. Vinson opened the meeting by pointing out the membership of the CIA Subcommittee now includes Mr. Rivers in place of Mr. Kilday who has left the Congress. He stated that he would have more time to devote to Agency affairs this year and, consequently, he was resuming the Chairmanship. Mr. Vinson then asked the Director to furnish the Subcommittee with whatever information he felt appropriate.
4. The Director opened the briefing by speaking to his concept of his responsibility as DCI referring to the President's memorandum to him of 16 January. He also mentioned the change he has made in USIB to include the DDCI as the Agency representative while he continues to act as Chairman.

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6. The Director then discussed Soviet intentions, Tab 1; Berlin, Tab 2; and Soviet nuclear testing, Tab 3. He called attention to the situation regarding anti-missile missile work and referred to the charts which are found under Tab 5 in connection with missiles and nuclear tests. The Director then moved to Soviet long range attack forces (Tab 4) discussing their ICBMs, indicating that our latest estimates were based on new information of high reliability. He then discussed medium and intermediate range missiles, submarine capabilities and long range aviation. The DCI discussed Soviet air defenses (Tab 5), referring to their SA-2 and SA-3 systems and their fighter strength. He again touched on the anti-ICBM developments. Soviet space program (Tab 7) was touched very lightly.

7. The DCI discussed Communist China (Tab 11)

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reactor and stated it was inevitable that the ChiComs would have in their hands nuclear weapons. At the same time he indicated that the ChiComs are not receiving the same technical help in the nuclear sciences as they have in the past.

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9. The situation in Laos was discussed in some detail (Tab 13), and the DCI referred to [redacted] the discussions held there between Laotian officials with Sarit and the American Ambassador.

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10. Except as otherwise indicated, the Director's statements followed very closely the Special Briefing Book. The Chairman indicated that he desired a meeting with the Agency once a month for the rest of the session. He requested Bob Smart to make arrangements with the Agency for these briefings.

s/ John S. Warner

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